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SUBJ: SECRETARY' S MESSAGE ON VOTING IN SECURITY COUNCIL ON
ISRAELI ATTACK ON BEIRUT

REF: STATE 074345

IN ABSENCE OF PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM (WHO IS ALSO FOREIGN
MINISTER), NOW ON TRIP TO UK, AND OF ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER
BARNARD, IN TASMANIA FOR EASTER AND VERY DIFFICULT TO CONTACT,
EMBOFF DELIVERED TEXT OF SECRETARY' S MESSAGE (REFTEL) TO H. D .
ANDERSON, SENIOR DUTY OFFICER AT DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AFTERNOON OF APR 20 (LOCAL TIME).

ANDERSON WAS FAMILAR WITH VOTINE SITUATION IN SECURITY COUNCIL,
AS AUSTRALIAN PERMANENT REP AT UN, SIR LAURENCE MACINTYRE,
HAD TRANSMITTED TEXT OF ANGLO- FRENCH RESOLUTION ON ISRAELI ATTACK
ON BEIRUT, TOGETHER WITH HIS COMMENTS ON SITUATION. ANDERSON SAID
THAT, ACCORDING TO MACINTYRE, ADDITIONAL PARA (NUMBER FIVE) IS
CIRCULATING AND MAY BE ADDED TO ANGLO- FRENCH RES, CALLING ON
ALL COUNTRIES NOW ASSISTING ISRAEL TO CEASE AND DESIST. MACINTYRE
HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ABSTAIN ON ANGLO- FRENCH RES AND ON
ADDITION OF PARA DESCRIBED ABOVE TO ANGLO- FRENCH RES, SHOULD IT
COME TO VOTE.

ANDERSON SAID THAT AUSTRALIAN AND U. S. POSITIONS CLOSELY
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PARALLEL. HE NOTED WITH INTEREST SUGGESTION IN REFTEL THAT SC MIGHT ADJOURN UNTIL AFTER EASTER WITHOUT VOTE OR THAT PRESIDENT OF SC MIGHT SUMMARIZE DEBATE WITHOUT VOTE. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT MACINTYRE BELIEVES 14 MEMBERS OF SC ARE NOW COMMITTED TO ANGLO- FRENCH RES, AND HE DOUBTED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PREVENT ANGLO- FRENCH RES FROM COMING TO VOTE. ANDERSON SAID AUSTRALIAN UN DELEGATION HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH USUN AND IS AWARE OF U. S. INTENTION TO VETO ANGLO- FRENCH RES IF IT RETAINS ITS PRESENT FORM.
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